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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TDY OF EVA KIM FOR REFUGEE SECTION

REF: BANGKOK 16288

1. MISS KIM IS WILLING TO GO TO BANGKOK FOR TDY AS SPECIFIED REFTTEL,
AND POST HAS NO OBJECTION TO ASSIGNMENT.

2. WE DO, HOWEVER, HAVE PROBLEM ABOUT SUGGESTED TIMING. ONLY OTHER
SECRETARY IN SINGAPORE FRONT OFFICE, DCM'S SECRETARY, IS DEPARTING ON
TRANSFER JUNE 18. REPLACEMENT FOR LATTER HAS JUST ARRIVED AND IS STILL

SETTLING IN. MISS KIM'S DEPARTURE FOR BANGKOK ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26
WOULD LEAVE FEWER THAN TEN WORKING DAYS FOR NEW SECRETARY TO LEARN THE

ROPES. WE BELIEVE SLIGHTLY LONGER TIME IS NECESSARY, AND PROPOSE THAT

MISS KIM DEPARTS FOR BANGKOK AFTER COB ON JUNE 27. THIS WOULD PROVIDE

EXTRA TWO DAYS FOR BRIEFING NEW SECRETARY PLUS SEVERAL DAYS OVERLAP
WITH MISS ACTON.

3. TIMING OF MISS KIM'S RETURN TO SINGAPORE SHOULD DEPEND ON ARRI-
VAL DATE OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KNEIP. SHE SHOULD BE BACK IN
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SINGAPORE NO FEWER THAN FOUR WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE OF AMBASSADOR'S
ARRIVAL. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT HE WILL BE IN SINGA-
PORE AROUND END OF JULY, WHICH WOULD PERMIT MISS KIM'S RE-
TURN AFTER JULY 21. SHOULD AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE'S ARRIVAL BE
MOVED UP, HOWEVER, WE WOULD NEED HER BACK SOONER. ALTERNATIVELY,
SHOULD AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL BE DELAYED BEYOND JULY 28, SHE MIGHT
STAY FEW MORE DAYS IN BANGKOK.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE SATISFACTORY.
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